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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS
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Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000.

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THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
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E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

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D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman,
Chan Kih Shan, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
W. Wotton, Esq.,
Kwan Hoi Chau, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:—

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Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Halifax.
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Bankers:—

London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SHANGHAI.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Hs. Ex. Hui Fui Yuen, Esq.,
Ma Kie Tchung, Esq.,
Tong Kwei Sang, Esq.,
C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

AMOV:—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money
received on Deposit—Drafts issued—Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made on
Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual
Bank Agency, business undertaken.
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS
For Rates of Interest for other periods, apply
to the Manager.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1892.

Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or
at death if previous—may be secured by
a payment at the rate of—

£ 7 7 6 (per quarter if commenced at age
(n.b.)
£ 8 14 2 20
£ 10 14 2 25
£ 12 14 2 30
£ 14 14 2 35
£ 16 14 2 40
£ 18 14 2 45

AFTER the Policy has been three years in
force—the Policy-holder will be entitled
to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy
for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured,
as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to
discontinue payment of premiums.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.
Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Office.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents,
No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1891.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:

No. 2, Queen's Road, West,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 500,000. £400,000.
RESERVE FUND £200,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq.,
LOO TAO SHUN, Esq.,
MANAGER—HO ANIL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the
Military Authorities that ARTILLERY
PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries
at Stonecutters Island from the 7th January
till the end of the month, between the hours of
9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, SATURDAYS and
SUNDAYS excepted.
The line of fire will be Westerly and South-
Westerly directions from the Batteries.
All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are
cautioned to keep clear of the range.
By Command,
W. M. GOODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1891.

WANTED.

A CLERK, with a good knowledge of Book-
keeping, and General Office work.
Apply with references to
"ALPHA,"
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1892.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held TO-MORROW, the 29th
Inst., at 5 p.m. at the Hongkong Hotel.
A SPOON COMPETITION will take place
on SATURDAY, 30th Inst., at 3.15 p.m.
Ranges 200 and 400. Any position.

ED. ROBINSON,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1892.

FOUND.

A SMALL WHITE TOY DOG, with light
brown ear marks. Wore red collar.
Particulars on application to
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1892.

LOST.

A SMALL Black and Tan Terrier bitch,
answers to name of "VIC." Please
communicate with the Undersigned. Reward
if required.

JOHN J. FRANCIS,
Bank Buildings.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1892.

LOST.

FROM PETER'S HILL, a FOX TERRIER
DOG PUPPY.
The Finder will oblige by returning it to the
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" Office.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CHINA
AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COM-
PANY, LIMITED, intend to exercise the lien
conferred on them by their Articles of Association
with respect to Shares Nos. 1416/1485,
70 Old Shares; and Nos. 1041/1065, 1044/1065,
and 3568/3588, 56 New Shares; and that pur-
chasers of them will take the same subject to
such lien and its consequences.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
Dated this 25th day of January, 1892.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty-first Ordinary Half-yearly
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
Company will be held at the Office of the Com-
pany, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road
Central, TO-MORROW, the 29th Inst., at 12
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a
Report of the Directors, together with a State-
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and
electing Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th to 29th inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1892.

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS
AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG,
INCORPORATED.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE First Annual General Meeting of the
MEMBERS of this INSTITUTION will be
held at the Rooms, No. 16, Praya Central, on
the Evening of SATURDAY, the 30th
January, 1892, at 9 o'clock p.m., to receive and
pass the Report and Statement of Accounts for
the year ended December 31st, 1891.

W. H. WALKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1892.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary Annual MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held at the Company's
Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock
(Noon), on SATURDAY, the 6th February next,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors with a Statement of Accounts to 31st
December, 1891.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th February,
1892, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3,
Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on MON-
DAY, the 15th February, 1892, at 4 o'clock p.m.,
for the purpose of presenting the Report of the
Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th
November last.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th February,
1892, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. W. MAITLAND,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1892.

Intimations.

W. B. BREWER

HAS JUST RECEIVED

A PERFECT PIPE TOBACCO—

"Captain" Navy Cut.

A Coarse Cut, cool smoking, and

most fragrant Tobacco.

Gold-Leaf Honey Dew.

Three Castles.

Sweet Caporal Cigarettes.

Straight Cut Cigarettes.

Latest English Cigarettes.

Full Dress Cigarettes.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1892.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

DRESS SUITS.

NEWEST MATERIALS, FROM \$30, SILK LINED.

A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEEDS AND OTHER SUITINGS.

EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, latest style.

EVENING DRESS TIES AND GLOVES.

EVENING DRESS HOSE, SILK, THREAD, and MERINO.

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Hongkong, 27th November, 1891.

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FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

AND

Commission Agents.

WINTER REQUISITES.

CRUICKSHANK'S Cough Balsam.

Do. Balaam's Cough Loxenges.

Do. Cod Liver Oil Emulsion.

Do. Chlorate of Potash Tablets.

Do. Chest Protectors, Single and Double, INHALERS, GODFREY'S, COGILL'S, &c., &c.

Do. CORK MATS, for use in Bathroom. HOT WATER BOTTLES, &c., &c.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1892.

W. POWELL & CO.

BLANKETS, BLANKETS, BLANKETS.

TRAVELLING REQUISITES.

PORTMANTEAUX, OVERLAND TRUNKS, GLADSTONE BAGS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1892.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.

SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION.

PORPOISE-HIDE, DARK TAN, RUSSIA-LEATHER & ENGLISH-CALF BOOTS & SHOES.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL ELECTRICAL AND ENGINEERING.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS AND DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.

18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1892.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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SADDLERY.

BUCKSKIN RACE SADDLES.

Black Saddles.

Saddle Cloths, Weight Cloths, Pony Clothing.

PONY HARNESS.

Surcingle, Girths, Rollers, Stirrup Leathers.

Stirrup Webs, Headstalls, Cruppers, Martingales.

Stable Brushes and Requisites of all kinds.

Riding Boots, Jockey Boots, Boot Tops, Booting Liquid, Saddle Soap, Brown Leather Dressing.

Orders for Riding Breeches and Racing Colours should be sent in at once.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST PUBLISHED—PRICE TO SUBSCRIBERS \$45.

CHINESE-ENGLISH DICTIONARY

By HERBERT A. GILES, H.B.M. Consul at Nipogo.

N.B.—The principal features of this Dictionary are as follows:—

(1)—Syllabic arrangement according to the romanisation of Sir Thomas Wade, Peking tones (with

Entering tone indicated), phonetic grouping, &c., &c.

(2)—By far the most extensive collection hitherto published of Chinese phraseology, illustrative of

idioms, classical and colloquial, as well as of historical and mythological references and

allusions, in which the author has been largely assisted by Mr. L. C. Hopkins, of H.B.M.

Consular Service.

(3)—The pronunciation of each character in also dialects (and also in Japanese, Korean, and

Annamese), contained under a uniform system of orthography by Mr. E. H. Parker, H.B.M.

Consul at Hoihow.

(4)—Newly-revised Tables, dynastic, geographical, and calendaric complete list of surnames,

&c., &c., specially prepared by Mr. G. M. H. Playfair, H.B.M. Vice-Consul at Shanghai.

Part I, consisting of p p 1-500 Royal 4to is now ready and will be delivered to Subscribers.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST WILL CLOSE JANUARY 31st, AFTER WHICH

DATE THE PRICE WILL BE RAISED TO \$55 00.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892.

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

Telegrams "MOUTRIE" Hongkong. (UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL).

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PIANOS and ORGANS for cash at HOME PRICES or on the MONTHLY PAYMENT

SYSTEM—Second Hand Instruments from \$150.

REPAIRING DEPARTMENT.—We have special facilities for all kinds of repairs and we

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MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

HONGKONG.

(And at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

Hongkong, 20th January, 1892.

Intimations.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.
No. 43.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
will be observed at this Office and the
Kowloon Customs Stations, from the 29th of the
1st moon to the 6th day of the 2nd moon, at
8 a.m., (29th January to 4th February), and
during that period all Shipment, Discharge, and
Examination of Cargo will be suspended.

J. MCLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,
Kowloon, 20th January, 1892.

CHINESE NEW YEAR BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875
the Undersigned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business
on SATURDAY next, the 30th Inst.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
F. DE ROVIS,
Chief Manager.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION
LIMITED,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

For the COMPTON NATIONAL DESCOMPTER
DE PARIS,
L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE
STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
DE WESTLEY LAYTON,
Secretary.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE Master and Agents of the Steamship
"TEVIOT" will not be RESPONSIBLE for
any DEBTS contracted by the Officers or Crew
during the vessel's stay in this port.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1892.

G. FALCONER & CO.,

WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANU-
FACTURERS and JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

CHARTS and BOOKS.

No. 44, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1892.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 29th January, 1892, at 2.30 p.m., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 3, Wyndham Street.

THE WELL-KNOWN YACHT

"COLLEEN BAWN."

As she now lies in the Godown

Co.'s Wharf, Kowloon.

Dimensions—

Length over all.....32' 6"

Beam.....7' 8"

Depth.....3' 6"

With Ballast and a complete Sulk of Sails

(new).

All defects and errors of description at Pur-
chaser's risk on fall of hammer.

Terms—Cash before delivery.

GORDON & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 189

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
CHEMISTS, &c.
COD LIVER OIL JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 50 per cent of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all fishy taste and flavour is entirely covered.

COD LIVER OIL 'GENUINE' NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy livers only, in its manufacture, and as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are able to guarantee it 'Genuine'.

COD LIVER OIL-EMULSION.

A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES (Lime and Soda).

A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.

BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE.

For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Throat, &c.

BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.

A never failing remedy for Coughs.

In bottles, 50 Cents and \$1.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

AMERICAN CHEROOTS.

These CHEROOTS, made from a fine selected quality of PENNSYLVANIAN TOBACCO LEAF, are mild, well matured, of excellent flavour, and will be found equal to Havanas.

They are meeting with much favour in the Colony as an agreeable change from the usual Manila Cigar, and we confidently recommend them to the notice of Smokers.

PRICE \$5.50 per Box of 250.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

PORTS, SHERRIES, CLARETS, BRANDY, SCOTCH WHISKY, IRISH WHISKY, BOURBON WHISKY, GIN and RUM. Our favourite and well-known Brands of the above are bought direct from the most noted shippers, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices. We shall be pleased to furnish full particulars and price lists on application.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lb each.....\$1.50
do Bags do 25 lb do\$4.00

Directions for use are given on the label.

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS"

LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest Machines in the market, for sale at manufacturers' prices.

LAWN GRASS SEED.

SWEET CORN SEED.

A fresh supply of the above just received.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

BIRTHS.

On the 20th January, at No. 6, Ningpo Road, Shanghai, the wife of T. E. TRUMAN, of a daughter.

On the 20th January, at No. 6, Hongkong Road, Shanghai, the wife of JAMES ADAMS BALLARD, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1892.

THE "NAMCHOW" INQUIRY.

The Marine Court of Inquiry into the loss of the *Namchow* concluded its investigations this morning, and we publish the finding in another column. The amount of valuable information conveyed therein is simply appalling. It is officially recorded that "the *Namchow* was a British vessel"—strange, but true—that "she foundered near Cupchi"—which is startling news—that "the survivors were saved"—fancy that!—and those who didn't survive were not saved. That is the whole result of the official inquiry, the product of the combined genius of a retired commander of the Royal Navy, three master mariners, and a navigating lieutenant of the Navy. And these brilliant lights were so proud of their achievement and so full of the consciousness that they had done everything necessary, that they refused to make public the report of Captain BURK—possibly because by contrast it would have made their own finding look so foolish.

What more could they have done? They might in the first place have called some witnesses. The ship's commodore,

or *chinchew*, was in the Colony long enough to have been subpoenaed; the captain and crew of the *Meifoo* are in port to-day, and even if they had been away, the Court could have adjourned to secure their attendance; the *Namchow's* late chief officer has been in the Colony for a long time, and much other evidence could have been obtained. The Court could and should have ascertained all about the condition of the vessel.

—Mr. Ellis, the officer above mentioned, could have spoken to that; he might have said what made him refuse to sail in her; he could certainly have said a great deal as to her capabilities. Further, he could have been asked about his shipmates, the captain, officers, and engineers, about whom there are many unpleasant rumours but absolutely no evidence. He could have told whether the *Namchow* had ever before been unmanageable while he was on board, or whether anything had ever occurred within his knowledge which might throw light on this mysterious calamity. Surely he would have been an important witness! Why was he not called? Not because the authorities were not aware of his existence, for we have reason to know that communications did pass between him and them in this matter. Who, then, is to blame for his absence? Commander Hastings is usually such a careful and efficient officer that it is hard to believe he is at fault here; but somebody has been guilty of gross negligence. Again, why were the survivors of the *Namchow* allowed to go away? "Because they were not British subjects" is the official whimper, "and could only be subpoenaed through the Colonial Secretary and the Chinese authorities." Well, what of that? The men could have been called, no matter how—a mere explanation of detail is not what the public wants. The public knows that every man who ought to have been called was not called; that the most valuable evidence in the whole case was ignored, was thrown away, simply because the formula to be gone through to secure his attendance varied slightly from the common formula. On this ground only, the commodore was let slip, and a second-hand hash-up of his narrative, not taken on oath, was read out in part only, and then buried for ever, lest the public should know what had been missed.

Captain LUNT, of the *Meifoo*, was not called; and the reason—no, not a reason, but a frivolous quibble—put forward to excuse this omission, was the same as in the other case—"he is not a British subject." He is an American, and we have the honour to inform the Naval authorities that Hongkong is blessed with the presence of a Consul for the United States, who is more obliging and more intelligent than some of our Naval bigwigs. Captain LUNT and the whole ship's company of the *Meifoo* could have been before the Court; they could have explained how it was that the shipwrecked Chinese from the *Namchow* saw the *Meifoo*, and saw her so near that they expected she would pick them up. Captain LUNT might have been confronted with these Chinese whose story is that he never stopped his ship nor went near them, and that dozens of people were floating in the water at the time. In fairness to himself he ought to have been called; for at present he stands accused by the public of deliberately keeping full speed on his course when by slowing down and looking about him he could have seen and saved dozens—perhaps hundreds—of human beings. He stands charged by the survivors with a deliberate lie in his official log; for he there records that nothing was to be seen of floating wrecks, or men, or boats, or junks, or anything; whereas they say they saw his ship, at a time when many junks were about, when a boat with 37 people in it was only a mile away, when a large number of people were still floating in the water, and were not picked up until afterwards by the junks. Until Captain LUNT has an opportunity of speaking, it is not fair to believe the Chinese implicitly; but in the face of their statement, it is imperative that he be afforded an opportunity to clear himself; and he ought to have been subpoenaed. Further, as the disaster seems to have been caused by some defect in the engines, evidence should have been called to show who was responsible—the ship's engineer, or the Government surveyor who passed her, or the owners or commodore who had power to order repairs, or the captain—somebody must have committed an error, or the ship would not have gone down in the way she did.

These are a few of the things the Court of Inquiry did not do. Seafaring men will doubtless know of many other things that might have been done. Why not? Primarily, because the supreme authorities did not choose to take the trouble. "Not more than 491" souls were gone; not more, says the finding; so it didn't matter. Perhaps if it had been four thousand, or if a British Admiral had been

drowned, it might have created some sort of languid interest; but "not more than 491" was not worth bothering about. So no witnesses were subpoenaed at all. The gentlemen constituting the Court could do little, and that little they did not do. The naval lieutenant could hardly be expected to know much of anything concerning a coasting steamer; but the three master mariners ought to have used their professional knowledge, and ought to have insisted on some rational and useful action. They should never have allowed such a futile and ridiculously lame finding to have gone forth to the world over their signatures. And the President, what of him? He is a capable man, truly; but his time is fully occupied in routine work, and he can only suppose that when he has extra business of this kind he is anxious to get rid of it as quickly as possible. The whole inquiry seems to have been scamped, and we want the blame for such a farcical business placed on the right shoulders.

TELEGRAMS.

THE LATE PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR.

LONDON, January 16th.

The Court has gone into mourning for six weeks; the public mourning will be three weeks.

THE WALSH AFFAIR.

The Anarchist arrested at Walsh had been remanded; the investigation shows a widespread conspiracy in various parts of England and abroad.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRIEVANCE.

The Times publishes a letter from the Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce detailing certain grievances against Sir John Walsingham, Her Majesty's Minister at Peking, and asking the assistance of the Times with a view to the same being redressed.

PORTUGAL'S FINANCES.

January 26th.

The project to relieve Portugal from her present financial embarrassments by the sale of her Colonies is gaining in general favour, but is opposed by the Cortes.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French gun-vessel *Aspie* has gone up the Yangtze to Hankow.

CHICAGO'S new daily paper, the *Press*, will be printed on presses driven by electricity.

A TELEGRAM was received in Shanghai on the 20th inst., to the effect that the Viceroy Li Hung-chang had entirely recovered from his recent illness.

EIGHTY-THREE hundred pounds of gold are used every year for filling teeth in the United States. It is worth over half a million dollars and is lost as effectively as if it were dropped into the ocean.

A REGULAR Convocation of Victoria Chapter, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

It is notified that should the English mail arrive here on Saturday (Chinese New Year's Day) the Post Office will be opened for delivery for one hour only, but the Money Order Office will be closed throughout the entire day.

THE steamer *Alvina* left Shanghai on the night of the 20th inst., with pumps and other gear, for the wreck of the German steamer *Maria*. Messrs. Fyfe and Reeves went in her on behalf of Messrs. S. C. Farnham & Co.

"CITIZENSHIP" said the anarchist, "I thereby invite you to drink to the future, which cannot fail to arrive (prolonged cheering) and to the abolition of the past, which will never come back again." (Shouts of "bravo!" violent stamping and clapping of hands.)

THE *Peking Gazette* of December 15th announces that Ch'ung-li, Junior Vice-President of the Board of Revenue and Commissioner of the Board of Customs, lately Chinese Minister in Berlin, have been appointed Ministers of the Tsung-li Yamen.

In Training—"I believe that boy is training himself to be a policeman," said the woman who keeps the app. stand at the corner of Broadway, New York. "What makes you think so?" asked her friend. "Because he looks an apple every time he passes."

THE French baker is not only required to conform to laws regarding weight, but he is also told at what price he must sell his bread. He is further required to deposit a certain sum of money in the hands of the municipal authorities as a surety of good behaviour.

THE American Baptist Missionary Union have recently connected with two Japanese evangelists in the Lochee Islands. There will be very few spots on earth before long where the ubiquitous missionary has not pitched his tent, prepared to 'hold the fort' against all comers.

BEFORE the century closes, the United States' national debt will have been extinguished. In 1870 it was \$2,850,000,000, and in 1890 it was \$2,000,000,000. The per capita debt of the United States is less than that of any other nation—\$28. It is \$218 in France, and \$100 in Great Britain.

We are reliably informed that the acceptance of the tender for the Macao Opium Farm, which caused so much just indignation recently, has been practically cancelled by the authorities at Lisbon; and that there is, therefore, every prospect of a call for fresh tenders at an early date. This is possibly due to the fact that Consuelo Ferns Amarat has been appointed Secretary of State for the Portuguese Colonies.

THE first annual general meeting of the shareholders of Carmichael & Co., Limited, was held at the Company's office, 18 Praya Central, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A very satisfactory report and statement of accounts was submitted and passed. The Company's authorized dividend of 10 per cent was declared, and the rejection of a vote of thanks to the managing officers terminated the proceedings.

At the Regular Convocation of the "United" Chapter, No. 1341, E.C., held on the 27th inst., the following company were elected as office bearers for the ensuing year:—

G. J. W. King, M.E., President.

W. F. P. Jones, Treasurer.

J. R. Grimble, Secretary.

J. White, Scribe E.

J. A. Inglis, Scribe N.

T. Spafford, P.S.

H. L. Stricker, Organist.

P. Howell, Dir. of Ceremonies.

S. T. Moore, Steward.

J. Maxwell, Janitor.

At the Magistrate to-day a Mandarin named Yang Kiao Shui was charged with theft of \$10,000 in money and deeds to which, it is alleged, he alone had access beside the prosecutor. The case was remanded a week.

THE Chinese paper *Shin-pao* describes the notorious Mason, late of the Imperial Maritime Customs and agent in Hongkong of the Kellogg Society, as a "foreign conspirator." "Chuckle-headed miscompoop" would have been a more accurate description of that mad-brained lunatic.

THE flags of all the men-of-war and mail steamers in port were flying at half-mast to-day owing to the death of the Grand Duke Constantine Nicolaevitch, tidings of which were received here yesterday by Rear-Admiral Tyrtoff. The Grand Duke was the uncle of the Emperor of Russia.

It appears that the three commonest surnames in England and Wales are Smith, Jones, and Williams. The number of persons owing each of these names are about:—

Smith 254,000

Jones 243,000

Williams 160,000

THE annual report of the Hongkong Rifle Association which has just been issued sets forth, *inter alia*, that the Treasurer has a balance to the good of \$132.09 and that "unless the Shrophires turn out a keen shooting regiment, the competition will have to be conducted on more economical lines than heretofore." As to individual shooting, the report states that there has been a decided improvement during the past year.

"WHERE ignorance is bliss 'twere folly to be wise." Upon the occasion of a birth in Macao recently the happy father was exhibiting his first-born to one of his friends of the Imperial Maritime Customs, when the friend made use of the rather original remark—"How many days will it be before his eyes are open?"

"D—n it!" responded the indignant father "Do you take my child for a pup?"

And still the world rolls on.

A man arrested by Detective Hadden yesterday in a deep nullah at Ma Kai Wai, near Mong-kok-tsi, was formally charged at the Police Court this morning with taking part in an armed burglary in Kowloon three days ago.

The accused would appear to have been running for his life, as he was raised, and he evidently fell into the nullah and broke a leg and an arm. Some of the missing jewellery was found near him. The prisoner, who was armed, has been removed to the hospital, and the case stands remanded for a week.

HERE is one of the best known specimens of the late Lord Lytton's facility as a versifier:—

We may live without poetry, music and art;

We may live without conscience and live without heart;

We may live without friends, we may live without books,

But civilized man cannot live without cooks.

We may live without books—what's knowledge but grieving?

We may live without hope—what is hope but deceiving?

We may live without love—what is passion but pining?

But where is the man that can live without dining?

FROM our advertisement columns it will be seen that Woodley's Circus presents an entirely new programme of attractions to-night, which will be sure to draw. It is rather unfortunate that Chinese New Year weather is always miserable; but even thus handicapped, the popular circus has so far done very good business and after the holidays will no doubt command a much larger support both from the Chinese and the representatives of the naval and military services.

To-night's programme is an exceptionally strong one and includes some startling novelties. Victor's "shoulder perch" is a capital act, and Little Ethel on the single trapeze is certain to score a success, while Miss Moore, and Mr. Schardel's "Olympian Vision," Signor Bysack on the treble bars, Mr. Lee's trick-act riding, Mr. Dixon as the "bounding jockey," Miss Zula's phenomenal balancing and "saddle life," the clever variety performances of the Japanese, and the amusing whimsicalities of the three clowns, Victor, Pippi and Cusco, are all certain to meet with public approbation.

In South Australia they have a cheerful insolvency law. Insolvents who are suspected of having swallowed the silver spoons, or of having buried the cash-box at midnight, or of having defrauded their creditors by a fraudulent preference for their mother-in-law, can be dealt with in three ways. They can be tried by a jury and sentenced up to seven years; or the court can say it is satisfied an offence has been committed, and can sentence to a maximum of three years; or the court can say that it suspects an offence has been committed, and can imprison the insolvent until the suspicion fades away from the mind of the court, which may be after the death of the bankrupt. One insolvent has been in prison for three years already under this suspicion clause, and is now nearer having a charge laid against him than he was at the beginning. A private member of the S.A. Parliament has the Sydney *Bulletin*, brought in a Bill providing that when an insolvent has been in prison upon suspicion of having swallowed the silver spoons, or of having buried the cash-box at midnight, or of having defrauded their creditors by a fraudulent preference for their mother-in-law, he must either lay a charge against him or else he must be let loose. The Government and the lawyers of the House strongly oppose the Bill.

THE Shanghai *Mercury* on the Hongkong Naval authorities, especially referring to Vice-Admiral Richards' refusal to send a man-of-war in search of the Scottish Oriental Co.'s missing steamer *Somerset* *Phra Nang*.—After this we can hardly again complain of the indifference of the Chinese authorities to their obligations to protect Foreign life and property when they are menaced at the Treaty Ports. If our Naval protectors have such peculiar notions of what is demanded of them we can scarcely expect much consideration from any other quarter. The Naval authorities of Hongkong have incurred an amount of well-deserved odium during late years, and such incidents as their masterly inactivity in the case of the *Namoa* pirates and their disgraceful equality in the present instance are not redeemed by even the unexpected degree of fruitless enterprise they displayed in sending the *Porpoise* to cruise about the scene of the wreck of the *Namchow* twenty-four hours after the disaster. The reply which Vice-Admiral Commander-in-Chief, through the 'department,' has given to the owners of the missing British steamer *Somerset* *Phra Nang* is enough to disgust the most enthusiastic Briton, and the contrast of the prompt manner in which the Admiralty went to the scene of the wreck of the Chinese steamer *Namchow*, when they could be of no possible use with their empty hands in a case of a British vessel, where they might still be of service, is difficult to explain. The curt terms of callous official indifference in which this precious letter is couched, are as offensive as they are ridiculous, and we trust to be able to record the sense of some higher powers than the British commercial communities of China upon the offending parties.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Tekran* left Singapore yesterday at 5 p.m., for this port.

STRIVE to keep these things clear: Your eyes, your complexion, your conscience. These things soft: Your hair, your hands, your heart. These things clean: Your liars, your name, your mind.

Mr. Chanthey Inchbald, well-known in this colony as manager of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, has been appointed secretary of the local branch of the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits Ltd., vice Mr. De Westley Layton, who goes home.

Miss Clara (to Featherly, who is making an evening call)—Poor Mr. Robby has swallowed a penny to-day, and we've all been so much worried about it!

Featherly (come what at a loss for words of encouragement)—Oh, I—er—wouldn't worry, Miss Clara. A penny is not much.

In the Supreme Court to-day Mr. Justice Fielding gave judgment in the case *Ramsay v. Dean*. Defendant had charged plaintiff in the police court with shooting at him; the case was dismissed, and plaintiff now asked for damages for wrongful arrest. His Lordship held that plaintiff had failed to prove that defendant had brought a false charge for malicious motives without reasonable or probable cause; the shooting though not proved, was not absolutely disproved, and no malice could be shown; verdict for defendant with costs.

THE committee appointed to consider the project of making Paris an inland seaport has handed in its report to the municipal authorities of the French capital. The great canal which it is proposed to construct between Paris and Rouen would be 114 miles long and nearly 21 feet deep. For large ships a port would be built between St. Denis and Clichy, and smaller ports would be constructed at Asnières, Ivry, Pontoise, Achères and Argenteuil. The cost of the undertaking is estimated at \$5,500,000. The opinion of the people has been taken on the matter, and of the 345,000 answers received, only thirteen are not in favor of the scheme.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

Cosmopolite steamer, from Quinhon.

Benlawers " " Singapore.

Meifoo " " Shanghai.

Aggregating 3,371 tons, register.

Outward.

Folien steamer, for Swatow, &c.

Wuchang " " Manila.

Ginawon " " Singapore.

Meifoo " " Canton.

Daijoo " " Saigon.

Yong F. Tong Brit. gunboat, to Canton.

Kan F. Tong British bark, to Hainan.

R. R. Thomas Amer. ship, to New York.

Aggregating 9,514 tons, register.

"SQUAB" continues to work his really wonderful cures every evening. There can be no humbug about this, when a man, who has been known to be almost continually bed-ridden for years, comes along and in half an hour is skipping about like a three-months kitten. "Squab's" remarkable success with his patients has completely established his reputation as a *bona fide* medicine man. All the Europeans who have seen him, or who are personally acquainted with those who have tried his treatment, testify to the genuine character of his remedies; and the Chinese population—well, they simply call him a "red-headed joss." His fame has already spread to Canton and throughout a good deal of Southern China, and if he has the business acumen that he seems to possess, he will make a long stay in China and a complete tour at least of the available Treaty Ports.

As we stated the other day, Captain Brink of the *Avonley*, who lately successfully prosecuted in Singapore the *chinchew* of that Chinese-owned steamer for disobedience of orders, has been dismissed by her owner, against whom he has in consequence instituted an action for \$1,700 damages. The *Strait Independent* cannot call to mind anything so wrong as this proceeding on the part of the owners in dismissing a good servant, simply because he did his duty in bringing a malicious empyre of the ship to justice, and refused to be bought over or intimidated. *Chinchews* of Chinese-owned steamers have so often lorded it over the masters of such vessels, that the *Independent* calls upon the latter to bind themselves together to help Captain Brink to resist the growing power of the *chinchew*. Captain Eddie, master of the *Lady Walk*, writes to that journal pointing out the domineering conduct of *chinchews* on shipboard, and their constant interference with the master in the management and navigation of the vessel. With him, the *chinchew* was to such lengths that Captain Eddie sent his resignation, and soon after ceased to command a Chinese-managed vessel, preferring rather to sail as mate in the Company he is now in. The Marine Officers' Association at Singapore should take up this *chinchew* question promptly and vigorously.

A FAREWELL complimentary dinner was given at the Hongkong Hotel last night to Mr. George Peabody, who for the past eighteen months has been 'Government' Marine Surveyor of this colony, and who leaves by next mail for Shanghai to assume the post of Superintendent of the Engineer of the China Navigation Co. at that port. About thirty friends of Mr. Peabody assembled to do him honor. Mr. J. W. Boyd, Superintendent of Kowloon Docks, in the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. D. Gilles, Secretary of the Dock Company, acting as Chairman. After ample justice had been done to a capital dinner, the Chairman proposed health and prosperity to the guest of the evening in felicitous terms. He referred to the high appreciation in which Mr. Peabody was held by all who knew him, and spoke in warm terms of approval of his thoroughly efficient manner in which he had performed his duties as Government Marine Surveyor. They all regretted that Mr. Peabody was leaving Hongkong, but he was going to better his position and prospects, and he would carry with him the esteem and good wishes of every one connected with shipping interests in this colony. Mr. Boyd's remarks were loudly applauded, and the toast was drunk with all honours. In response Mr. Peabody heartily thanked the "kind friends" who had paid him such an unexpected honour, expressing regret that ill health had prevented the justly-estimated and deservedly popular Secretary of the Dock Company from being present. During his stay he (Mr. Peabody) had done his duty to the best of his ability, and he was naturally glad that his labours had given such satisfaction. The eighteen months spent in Hongkong had been one of the happiest times in his life; he was now leaving behind him many true friends whom he would never forget. He thanked from the bottom of his heart Mr. Boyd and all present, who had paid him such a high compliment, and he hoped at some future time to meet them all again. Mr. Peabody returned his seat amidst hearty cheers, and a very enjoyable evening was afterwards spent in the musical portion of the programme being contributed by Messrs. W. H. Walker, A. G. Allen, A. G. Gordon, D. MacDonald, and J. Mitchell.

PEWLOW, the man who mistook a Malay for a monkey and shot him dead, has been charged with manslaughter in Singapore.

A WELL-KNOWN mining expert, says a Sydney contemporary, travels on the fact that he takes his fee, but never anything more. However, it has just transpired that his wife accepts big bundles of scrip, while the guileless expert calmly winks the other eye.

At a regular meeting of the Lodge of Atlatlody of Shanghai, held in the Masonic Hall at that port on the 28th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Wor. Bro. L. Moore Wor. Preceptor.

Wor. Bro. L. Moore Secretary.

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